

**News Release from
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Timothy Brown Convicted of Two Counts of Murder in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- Tuesday, June 27, 2023, a Monroe County Jury convicted 30-year-Timothy Brown of two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murders of Tywan Harper and Malakai Smith.

On November 11, 2021, Rochester Police Officers responded to an apartment building on Chestnut Street in the City of Rochester after multiple people called 911, reporting that gunshots were fired inside the building. Upon arrival, the officers found 19-year-old Malakai Smith shot to death and 22-year-old Tywan Harper shot and beat to death inside a stairwell in the apartment building.

After a thorough investigation, the Rochester Police Department identified Timothy Brown as responsible for the double homicide. Timothy Brown was arrested for the murders on December 14, 2021.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Unit.

“Timothy Brown went to Tywan Harper’s apartment with the intent to kill him,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “It is clear that he did not hesitate to violently take two young lives in the course of his crime. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for their detailed investigation, resulting in the successful prosecution of Timothy Brown.”

“Malakai Smith and Tywan Harper were young men who had their lives ahead of them, until Timothy Brown ripped their lives away,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Timothy Brown did not consider the value of these men’s lives, their loved ones, or his own life which will now be spent in the New York State Department of Corrections. Timothy Brown is a dangerous individual who needs to take accountability for his actions. I want to thank the Rochester Police Department for this investigation, and the family of both victims, who have been in the courtroom during this tragic trial.”

Timothy Brown will be sentenced on July 28, 2023, in front of Acting Monroe County Court Judge Healy. He faces a minimum of 20 years to Life and a maximum of Life without the possibility of parole.

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